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Kazu, the owner of a run-down coffee shop, becomes the inadvertent host to Renji, a young man who perceives Kazu's hunger for the touch of another person. The pain of this realization only increases the torment of Kazu, who has long ago given up on his longing for love.

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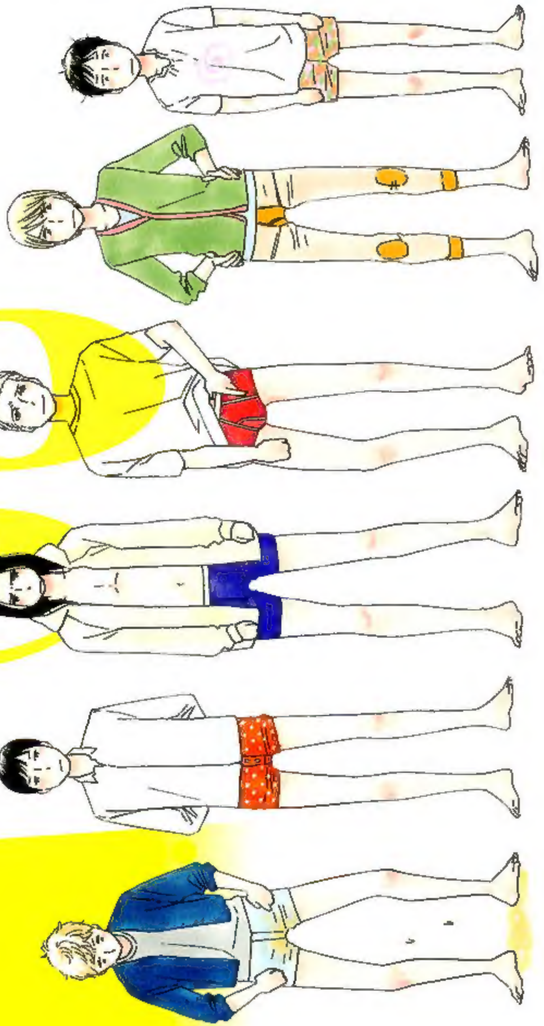

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Stroboscope
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step
step
KAZU-CHAN, LEMME GET ANOTHER COFFEE BLEND.
COFFEE
AGAWA
GOTCHA.
COMING RIGHT UP.
KAZU-SAN,
SAYAMA-SAN IS STEALING OUR SUGAR PACKETS AGAIN.
step
It's been...
...about a week since I took this stray dog in.
...OH, IT'S FINE.
IF WE LET THIS SORT OF THING SLIDE, YOU KNOW THE SHOP WILL ONLY SUFFER, RIGHT...?
That guy.
That guy's friend.
All I know about him is his name and age: Ikeda Renji, 26 years old.
He's probably the little brother or something of that guy's friend's wife.

THIS BUSI-
NESS CAN GO
AHEAD AND
SUFFER.
Anything but love. Anything but love. Anything but love.
I don't want it to come in.
Anything but my heart. Anything but my heart. Anything but my heart.
Don't take it and leave.
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T/N: *A popular pasta dish in Japan.

That guy is...

One night, during our second round of partying, I noticed him mixed in with the rest of those guys while they were swarming around.

Before I had time...

...to think twice,

I'd agreed to give him a place to stay.

This happens a lot,
with the people who have heard the rumors about me.
HEY, LOOK WHO IT IS.
RENJI,
HAS KAZU-SAN COPPED A FEEL OF YOUR ASS YET?
Since you got such a pretty boy face.
HEY, IS MY COFFEE BLEND STILL NOT READY?
Kazu-chan still hasn't been fixed?
It's not something you can fix.
flinch
...SAY-AMA-SAN.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'LL BECOME A DIABETIC.
YOUR COFFEE BLEND.
clink
THIS BUSINESS WILL REALLY GO DOWN THE DRAIN.
clank
In this small town, this is the only coffee shop.

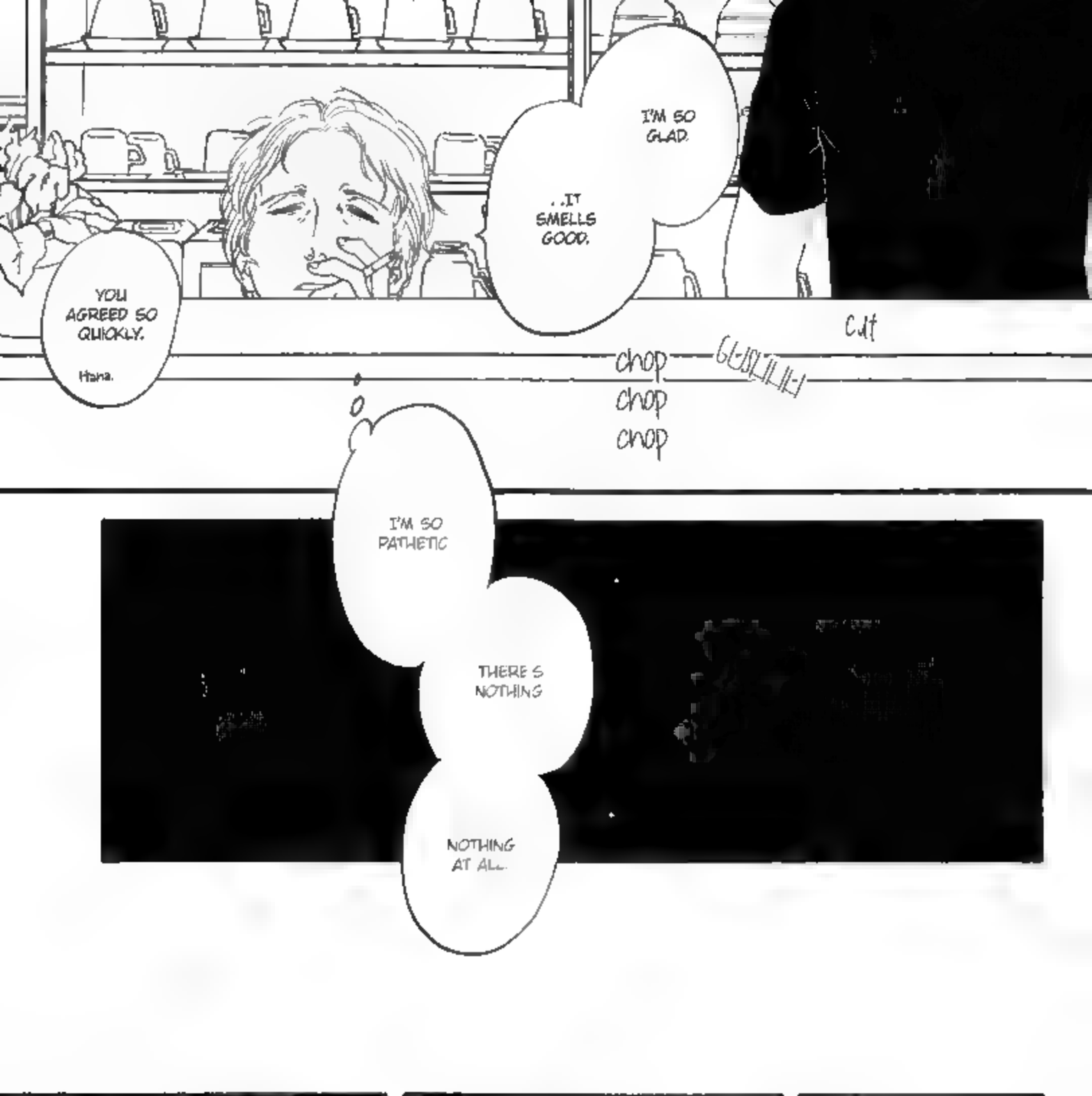
...Watching over from behind this counter,
in the comfort of this town,
is neither good... nor bad.
Unfortunately, there's no need to worry about it's longevity.
I can only live here quietly till my death.
mmch mmch mmch mmch

turn
...IKETA-KUN.
YEAH?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME, RIGHT?
flip
A TOP IDOL'S DARK RUMORS & THEIR PASSIONATE LOVE SCANDALS
HE HAS SUCH A...
...BEAUTIFUL FACE.
...ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT MY TYPE.
...UM, SPEAKING OF,
I'VE BEEN WONDERING THIS FOR A WEEK NOW, BUT...
YEAH?
YOU CAN GO ON YOUR BREAK NOW. GO EAT SOMETHING.
HAHA.
stand
...I DON'T REALLY MIND.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO?
OKAY THEN, RENJI-KUN.
...DO YOU NOT KNOW HOW TO SPEAK POLITELY?

I'LL MAKE YOU...
...SOME FOOD...
...RIGHT NOW.
EAT IT, ALL RIGHT?
Wha-?
KAZU-SAN,
WHEN DO YOU EAT?
HM?
I JUST... GRAB SOMETHING WHENEVER THERE'S A BREAK.
Like cheese or some crackers.
WHAT THE HECK!
Cheese?
PLACE

HUH?
THERE'S NO NEED. AS LONG AS YOU PROVIDE THE INGREDIENTS, THERE'S NO NEED TO TALK ABOUT A PRICE. AND YOU'RE GIVING ME A PLACE TO SLEEP AFTERALL.
I'LL JUST USE WHATEVER I FIND.
S-SHOULD I GIVE YOU A RAISE?
HUH?
NO, I.. DON'T MIND.
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO?
turn
roll
OKAY...
T/N *Omelet and rice
HUUH? JUST SIT THERE AND SPACE OUT, DUH
..WHAT SHOULD I DO WHILE YOU'RE COOKING?
ARE YOU GOOD WITH OMURICE*?
D-DUH...

OW, THAT HURTS.
grind
GET OUTTA THE WAY
I-I HAVEN'T REALLY EATEN TOGETHER, OR RATHER, I HAVEN'T EATEN A MEAL SOMEONE ELSE MADE IN A LONG TIME.
OH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK PRETTY RESTLESS.
You keep fidgeting.
CRUNCH
HEH! THAT HURT?
..HOW LONG IS A LONG TIME?
OH
WOW
HE SMELLS LIKE YOUTH-FULLNESS.
EVER SINCE MY DAD DIED AND I TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS, SO. . 17 YEARS...?
OH, BUT EATING WITH STRANGERS IS LONGER ..
I'M GOING TO COOK THREE MEALS FOR YOU, STARTING TOMORROW.
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD WITH YOUR HANDS, HUH?
YEAH .. SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
tinkle
flump
THIS STORE IS OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND?
NO WAY!
slice


I'M SO GLAD.
..IT SMELLS GOOD.
YOU AGREED SO QUICKLY.
Hana.
Cut
chop chop chop
I'M SO PATHETIC
THERE'S NOTHING
NOTHING AT ALL.

WHAT'S THAT? LEMME EAT SOME.
THIS ISN'T FOR SALE.
THE BROTH IS INSTANT THOUGH.
IT'S NOT THAT HARD.
I found that pot in the back of the cupboard.
WOW, YOU CAN MAKE BOILED FOODS, TOO?
I didn't know I had this kind of pot.
flip

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE'S REALLY KIND, BUT A BIT SENSELESS.
HEY, HOW'S IT DEALING WITH KAZU-CHAN?
COME ON, NOW!
THIS ISN'T FOR FREE.
HEY, GRANNY MITA, YOU WANT SOME BOILED FOOD TOO, RIGHT?!
whisper

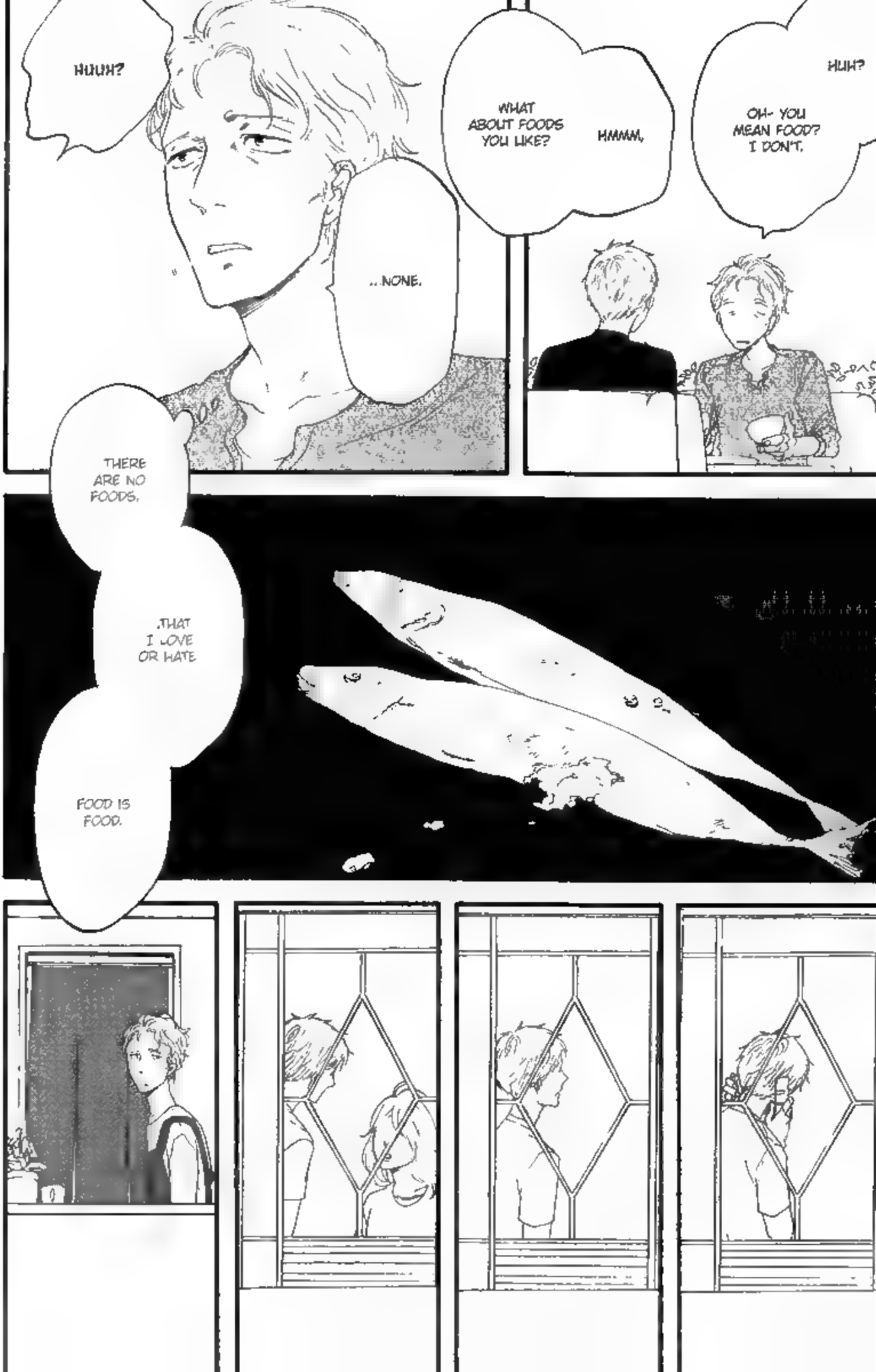
I can hear you guys.
Since this is a small town,
WHAT'S THIS...
HUUH?
Huuh?
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND?
HUUH?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I- WAIT, WHAT? HE HASN'T TRIED TO SQUEEZE YOUR BUTT?

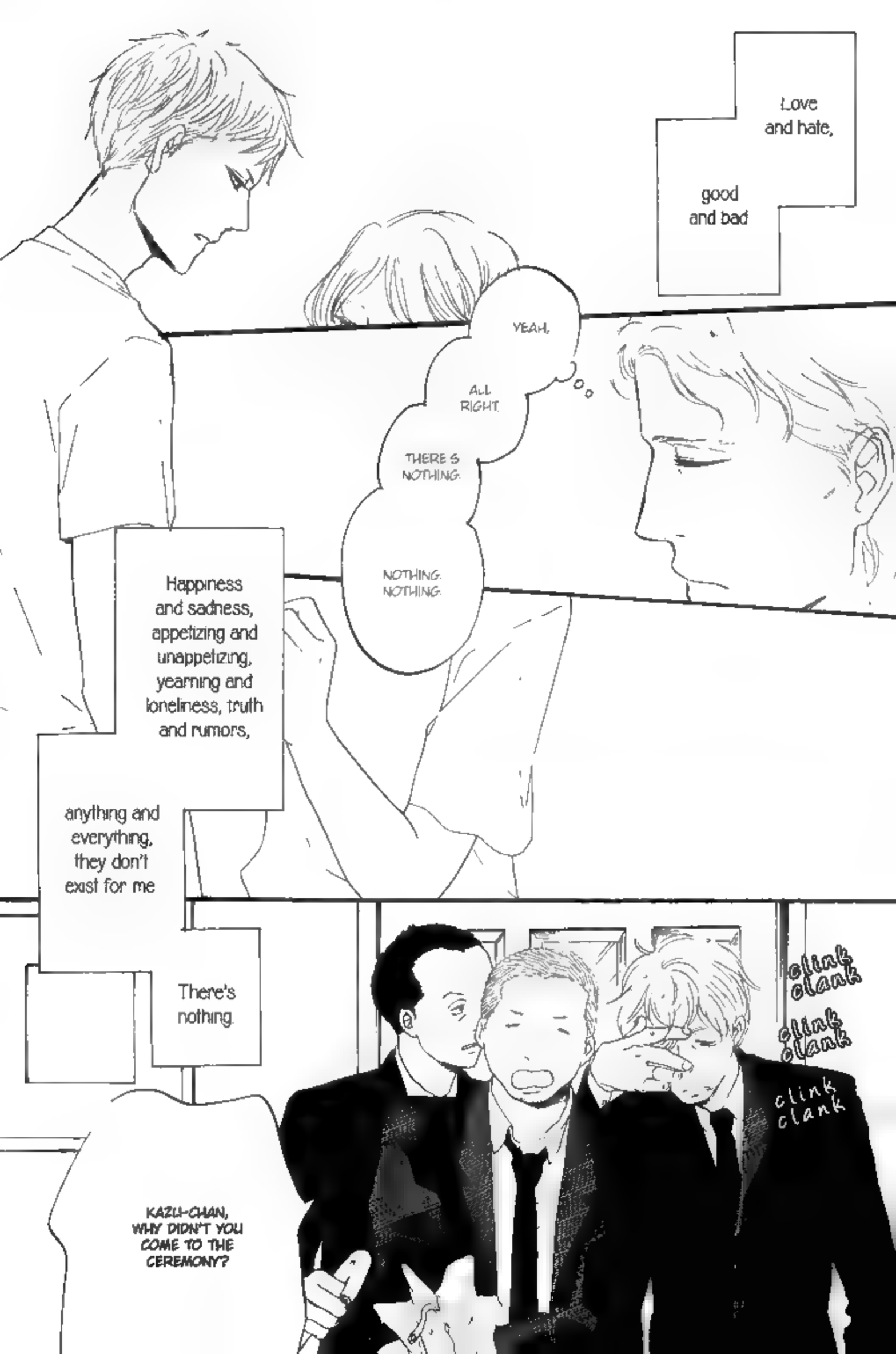
people have nothing to do but gossip
This store is a melting pot for all sorts of rumors. From Akyoshi's wife to Mr Yasukawa to Kyoko to Kou-chan, from the neighboring town, to Yukie
Reality and gossip gets mixed up to the point you can't tell the difference anymore
For example,

flinch
!
clink clank
KAZU-CHAN!
I like having my butt squeezed, not the other way around
clink clank
clink clank
OH, HEY... WELCOME.
Hey, how's it going?
MAKE ME A COFFEE FLOAT A COFFEE FLOAT, YOU HEAR?
I'LL HAVE A HOT VIENNA COFFEE.
...
SIGH,
ONE COFF-EE FLOAT, ONE HOT VIENNA, AND ONE COFFEE BLEND.
That's right
OKAY.
I'LL HAVE A COFFEE BLEND.
A hot one.

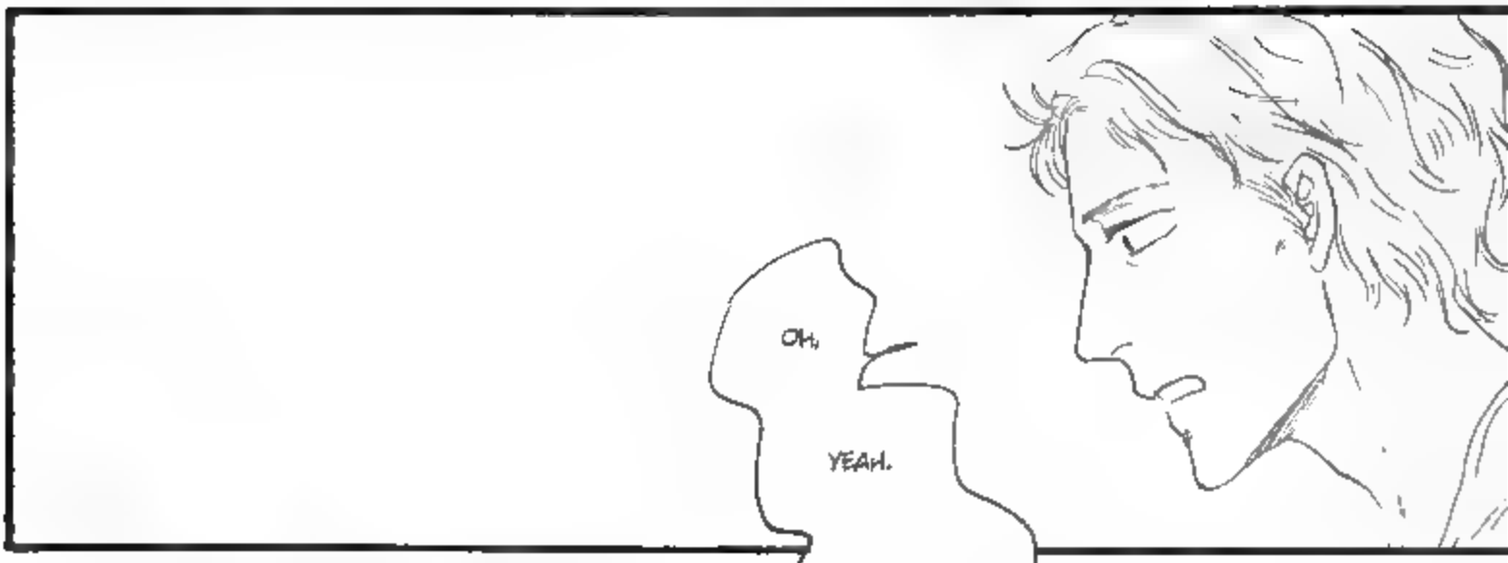
munch munch
...
WELL, YEAH. I ASSUME SOMEONE WHO HASN'T EATEN A SINGLE MEAL WITH ANOTHER PERSON IN OVER TWENTY YEARS HAS SOME REASON BEHIND IT
WELL, I HAVE HAD A LOT HAPPEN.
You know
AREN'T YOU ALSO SINGLE?
EVERYONE IN THIS AREA IS USUALLY MARRIED BY YOUR AGE.
I'VE NOTICED,
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FACE, YOU'RE SINGLE.
cut
fluffy
IN MY CASE,
I ALWAYS FALL FOR THE WRONG WOMEN.
THE WRONG WOMEN?
You mean,
LIKE CHEATERS?
NO, THE TYPE OF GIRL WHO HAS NO IDEA HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF.
No idea at all
cut
HUH...?
EVENTUALLY, I LOSE MY IMPORTANCE IN THEIR LIVES. AND THEY ALL DUMP ME.
BUT, I ALWAYS END UP MANAGING TO FIND SOMEONE LIKE THEM AGAIN AND DO THINGS LIKE MAKE THEM MEALS.
Hana

A DOG, haha.
HAHA! I'M THE TYPE TO ALWAYS TAKE IN STRAY DOGS, TOO.
..I'M NOT A GIRL, YOU KNOW?
OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD OH MY GOD. THERE'S NOTHING.
!
THERE'S NO WAY.
YES, I'M A DOG.
I'M EXACTLY LIKE A DOG.
A DOG
NOTHING
NOTHING NOTHING NOTHING.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE?


HUUH?
..NONE.
WHAT ABOUT FOODS YOU LIKE?
HMMM.
HUH?
OH- YOU MEAN FOOD? I DON'T.
THERE ARE NO FOODS.
.THAT I LOVE OR HATE
FOOD IS FOOD.


Love and hate,
good and bad
YEAH,
ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NOTHING.
NOTHING. NOTHING.
Happiness and sadness, appetizing and unappetizing, yearning and loneliness, truth and rumors,
anything and everything, they don't exist for me
There's nothing.
clink clank
clink clank
clink clank
KAZU-CHAN, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE CEREMONY?

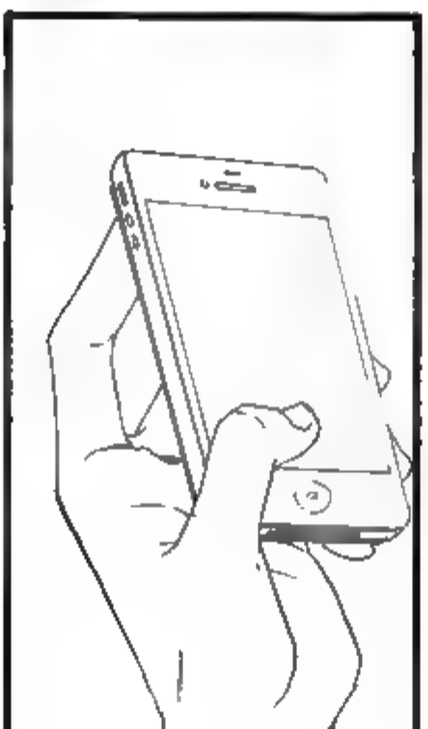
HUH?
WHAT CEREMONY?
YOU KNOW GRANNY MITA PASSED AWAY, RIGHT?
HUH?
OH SHIT. DID NO ONE TELL YOU?
That forgot to tell him
HEY, WHO WAS IT?
WELL, THERE'S NO HELPING IT. CAN YOU MAKE ME SOME COFFEE?


OH,
YEAH.

IS EVERYONE GOOD WITH COFFEE?
YEAH.
GEEZ, KAZU-CHAN, YOU SHOULD START CARRYING AROUND A CELL PHONE.
AND AT LEAST GO PAY YOUR RESPECTS. SHE CAME TO THIS SHOP ALMOST EVERYDAY.
YEAH, I'LL GO TOMORROW RENJI-KUN, I'M CLOSING THE STORE TOMORROW.

...GOT IT
YOU SHOULD ALSO GO PAY YOUR RESPECTS.. THINK OF IT AS A HOLIDAY.
YEAH, BUT I WANT TO DO SOME OTHER THINGS AS WELL THEN.
THERE'S NO NEED TO. I'LL WATCH OVER THE SHOP

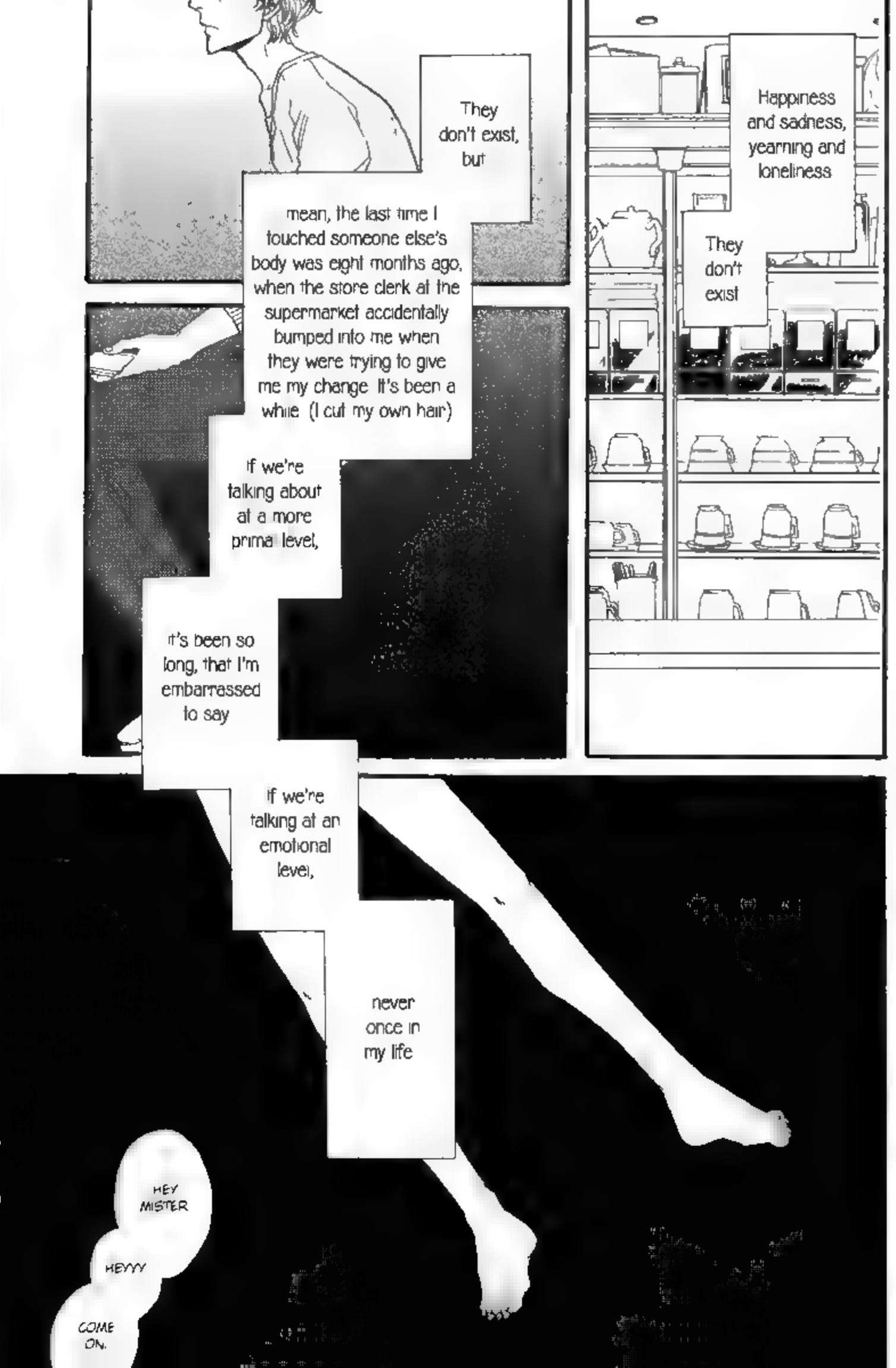
Happiness and sadness, yearning and loneliness
They don't exist



CAN YOU GET SOME-ONE..
UHH
FOR ME? TOMORROW
OH
WELL, WHATEVER
clink clank clink clank
YEAH.
WELL YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
YEAH.
..HUH? HAHA, YEAH.
OH, HEY IT'S ME. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YEAH .
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WENT OUTSIDE.
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S SAYING THIS TO INSINUATE SOMETHING TO ME, AND WE DON'T
HAVE THAT SORT OF RELATION-SHIP EITHER
YEAH.
NO, ONE IS FINE. I'M GOOD WITH ANYONE AS LONG AS THEY'RE WILLING.
YEAH.
JUST TOMORROW
CLATTER

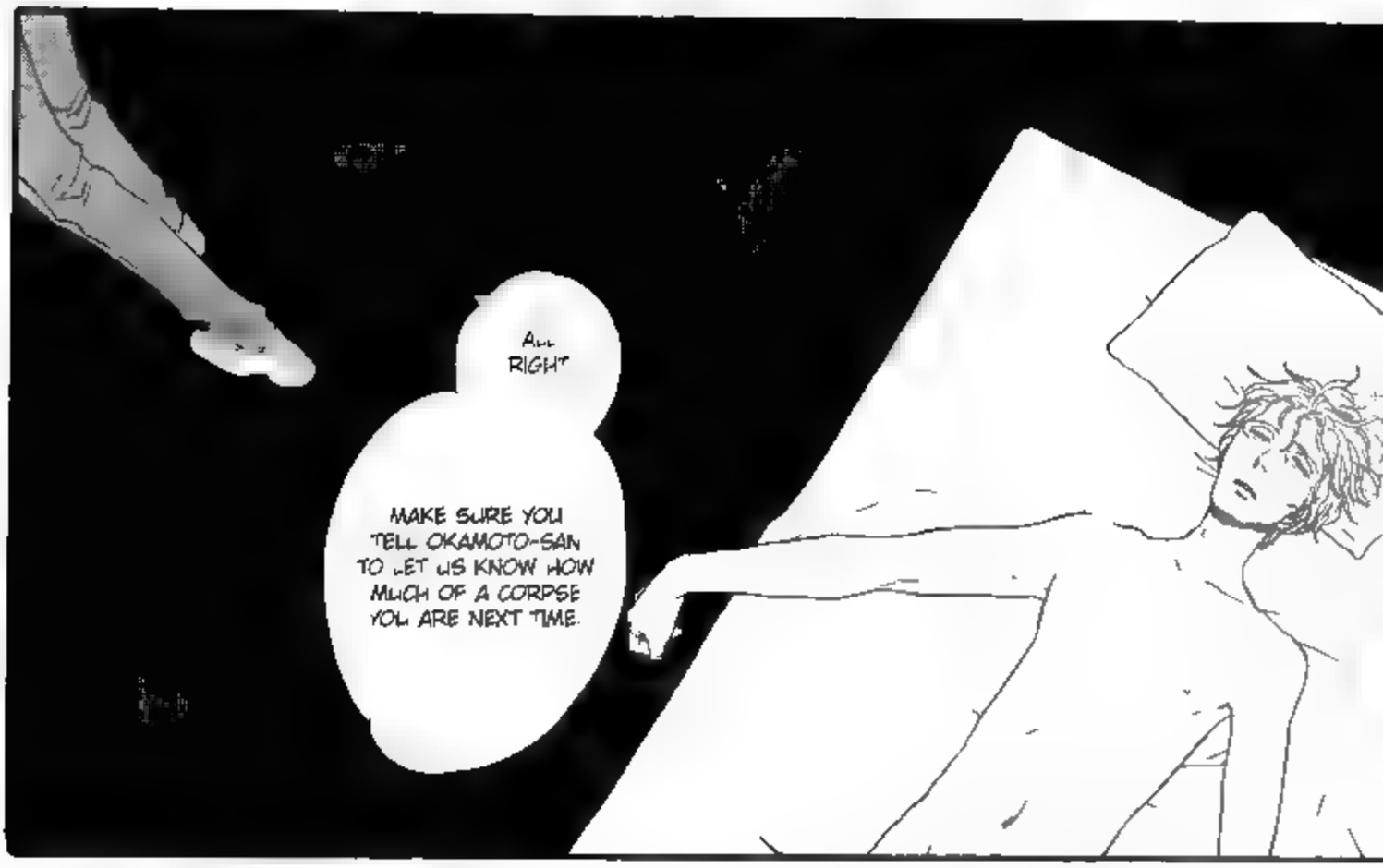
flinch
tap
!
GOT IT.
SEE YOU THEN.
'KAY
HAVE A CELL PHONE, HUH?
YOU DO...
AND A NEW MODEL AT THAT.
...I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T HAVE ONE.
click
push
...DOES THAT MEAN..
...
I GUESS SO.
Yeah.
...
DO YOU NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS?

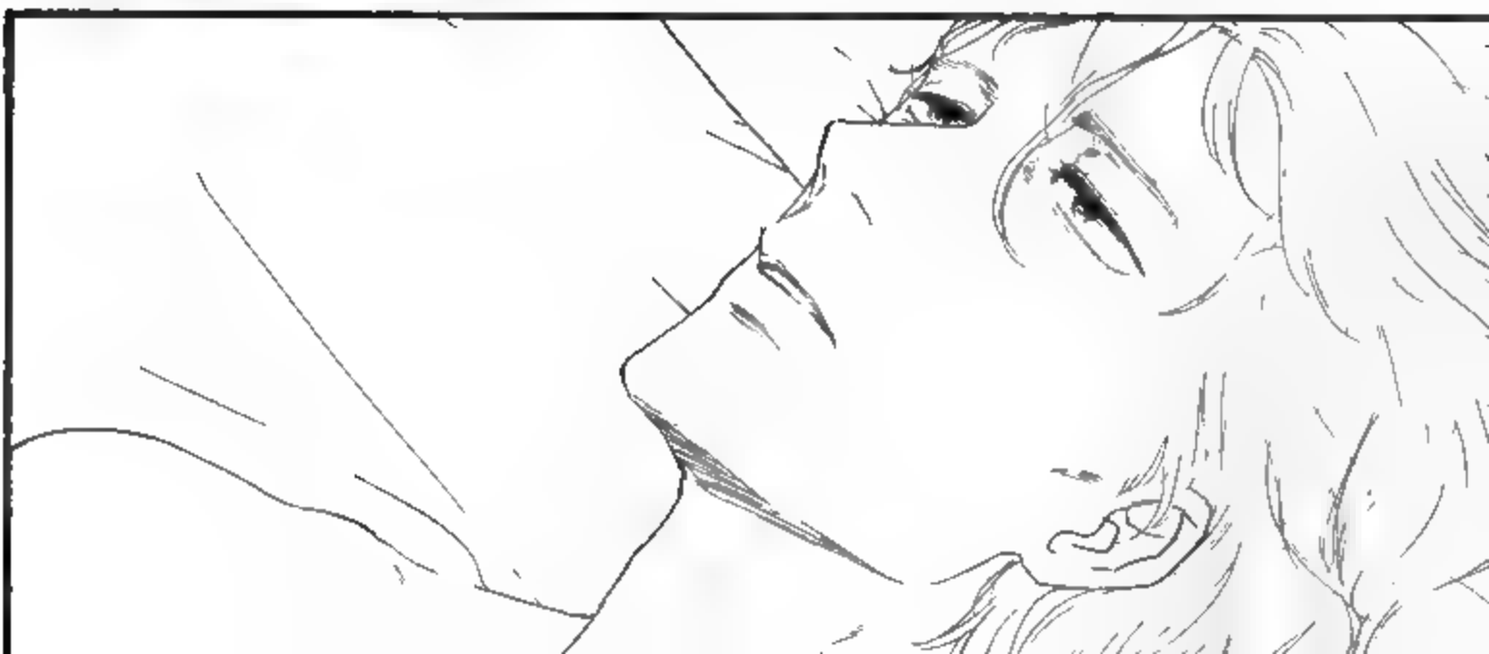
flutter
.. WHAT IS IT?
I WISH HE WOULD STOP IT
WARMTH
AND HIS
HIS SMELL.
HE'S SO CLOSE TO ME
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN
creak
.. MEAN WHAT?
.. NEVER-MIND..
I WAS THINKING ABOUT.. HOW EASILY YOU TALK ABOUT IT
tap
HAHA.
WELL, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
turn
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
squeak
WELL,
brush
...
.. NOTHING.


They don't exist, but
mean, the last time I touched someone else's body was eight months ago, when the store clerk at the supermarket accidentally bumped into me when they were trying to give me my change. It's been a while. (I cut my own hair)
Happiness and sadness, yearning and loneliness
They don't exist
If we're talking about at a more primal level,
it's been so long, that I'm embarrassed to say
If we're talking at an emotional level,
never once in my life
HEY MISTER
HEYYY
COME ON.

Tch

point


ALL RIGHT
MAKE SURE YOU TELL OKAMOTO-SAN TO LET US KNOW HOW MUCH OF A CORPSE YOU ARE NEXT TIME.



brush

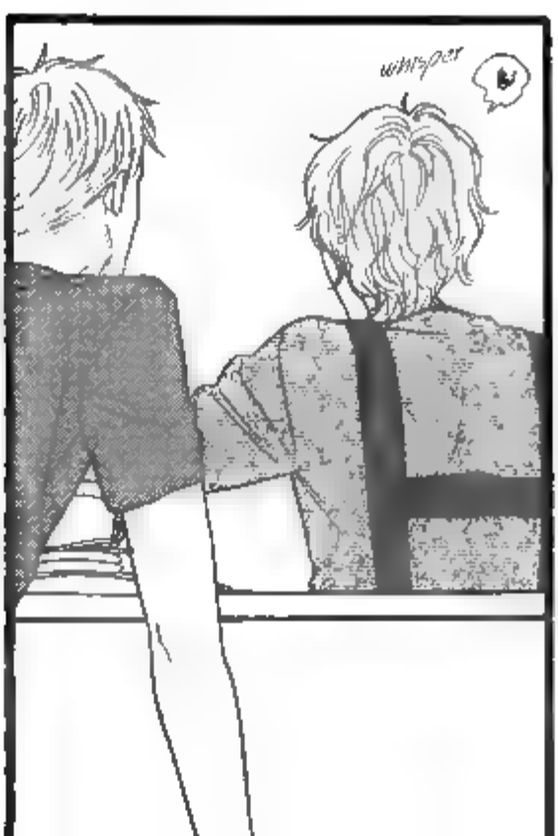
I WAITED FOR YOU TO GET HOME.
WHAT'S. . .WRONG?
W-WHY?
...NO REASON...
...NO, I DID HAVE A REASON.
flutter

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO HAVE A ONE NIGHT STAND.
. .IT DIDN'T GO WELL, DID IT?
DID, WHAT FEEL GOOD?
. DID IT FEEL GOOD?
OHHH?
I- I DID.
YOU DIDN'T GO TO PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO GRANNY MITA, DID YOU?

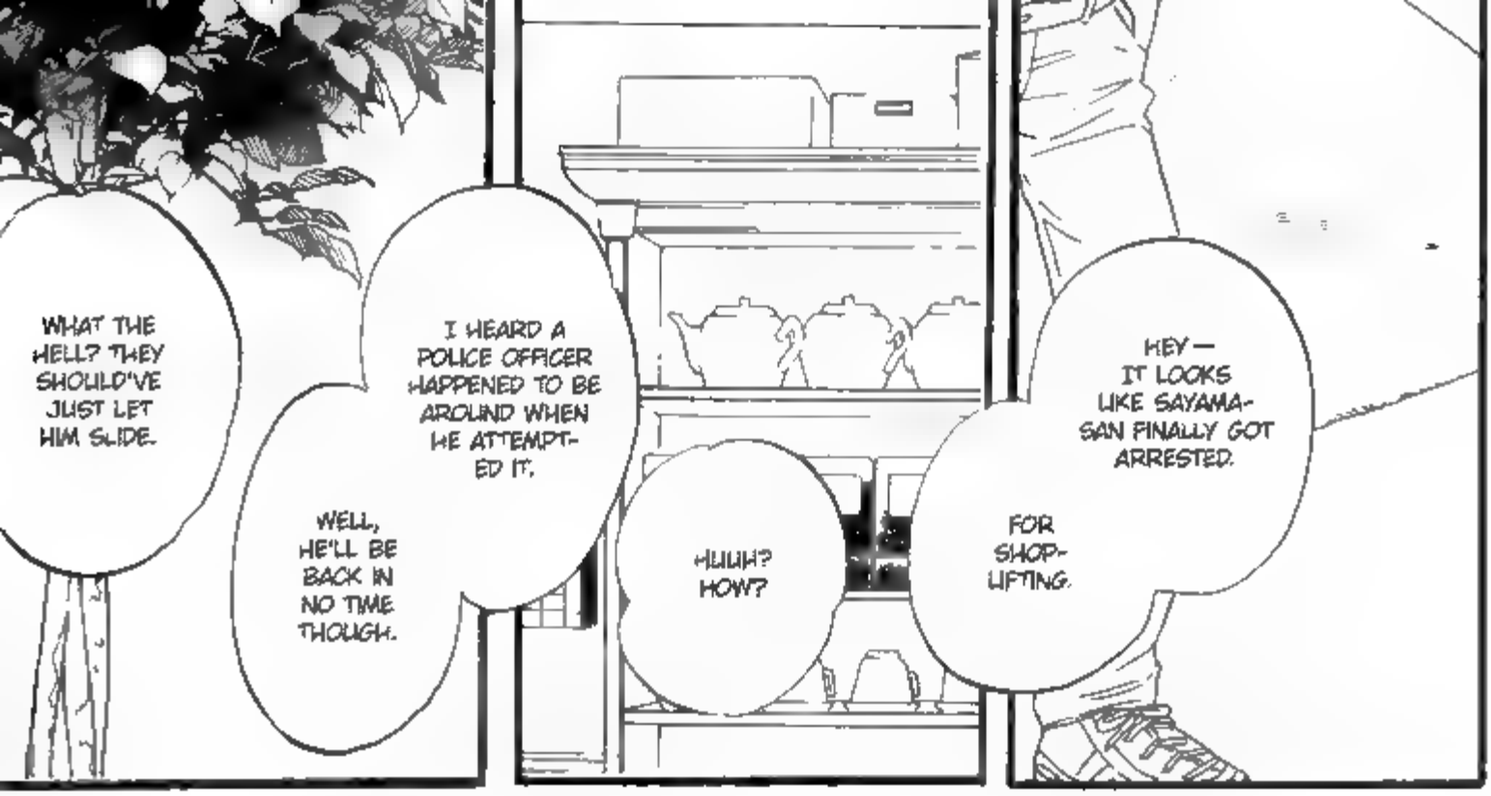
pinch
turn
LET GO...
...OF ME!
BAM
turn

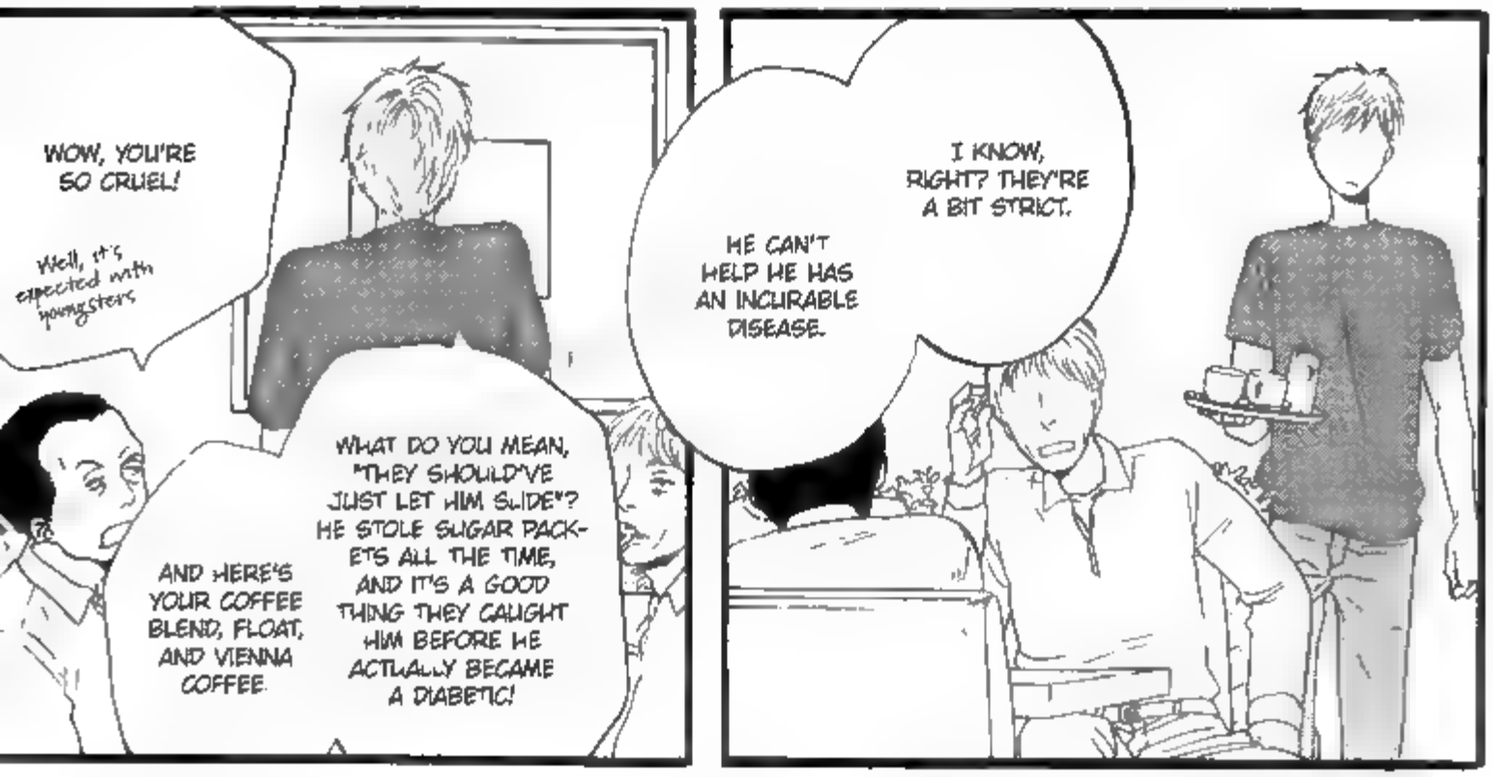
stomp
stomp
stomp

upset


whisper

rattle
ONE BLENDED COFFEE, ONE FLOAT, AND ONE VIENNA COFEE

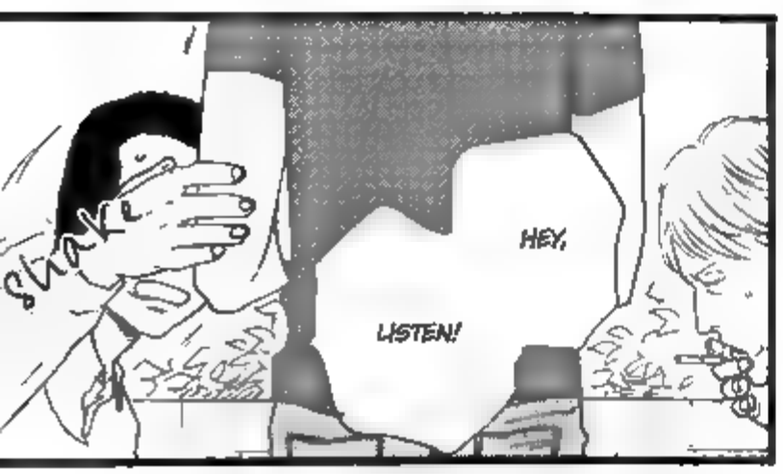

WHAT THE HELL? THEY SHOULD'VE JUST LET HIM SLIDE.
I HEARD A POLICE OFFICER HAPPENED TO BE AROUND WHEN HE ATTEMPTED IT.
WELL, HE'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME THOUGH.
HUUH? HOW?
HEY— IT LOOKS LIKE SAYAMA-SAN FINALLY GOT ARRESTED.
FOR SHOPLIFTING.

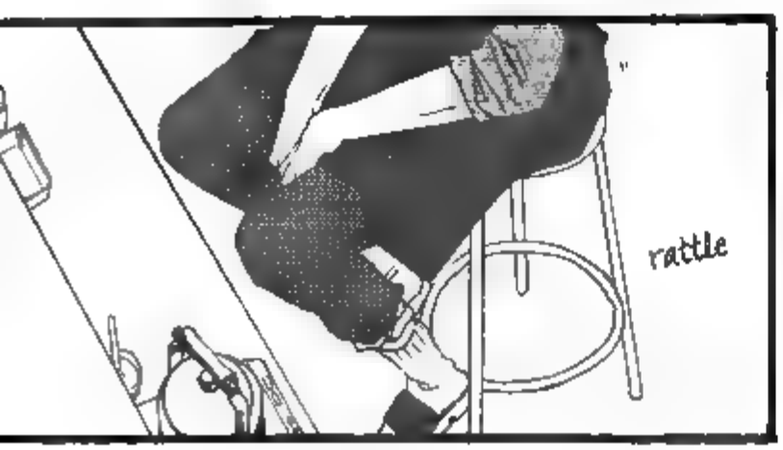

WOW, YOU'RE SO CRUEL!
Well, it's expected with youngsters
AND HERE'S YOUR COFFEE BLEND, FLOAT, AND VIENNA COFFEE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THEY SHOULD'VE JUST LET HIM SLIDE"? HE STOLE SUGAR PACKETS ALL THE TIME, AND IT'S A GOOD THING THEY CAUGHT HIM BEFORE HE ACTUALLY BECAME A DIABETIC!
HE CAN'T HELP HE HAS AN INCURABLE DISEASE.
I KNOW, RIGHT? THEY'RE A BIT STRICT.

NO, BUT REALLY I WONDER IF HE HAD ANOTHER FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPT
HUUH?
HE'S BEEN LOOKING REALLY UPSET TODAY
WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU TWO HAVE A LOVER'S QUARREL?
Hehehe
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
whisper whisper
Speaking of,
IS KAZU-CHAN ALL RIGHT?

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE KAZU-CHAN HAS THE COURAGE TO DIE ANYWAY
YEAH, THAT COULD BE IT I MEAN WITH SAYAMA-SAN'S KLEPTOMANIA BEING AS IT IS, KAZU-CHAN'S PERVERSENESS IS ALSO A DISEASE, AFTER ALL.
WHAT?
HEY!

WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT A FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPT?


shake
HEY, LISTEN!


rattle

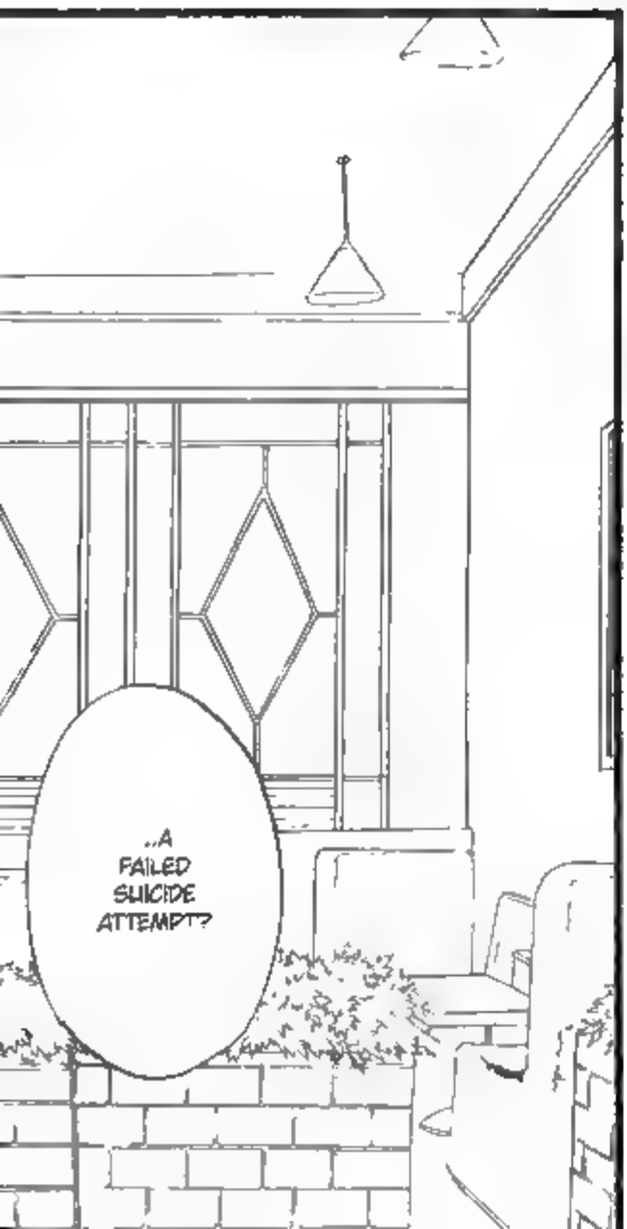
...
..IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL.

HEY, RENJI!
pull
clench
RENJI!
IF YOU LEAVE THINGS LIKE THE WAY-
HM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUUH?
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?
HEY!
shake

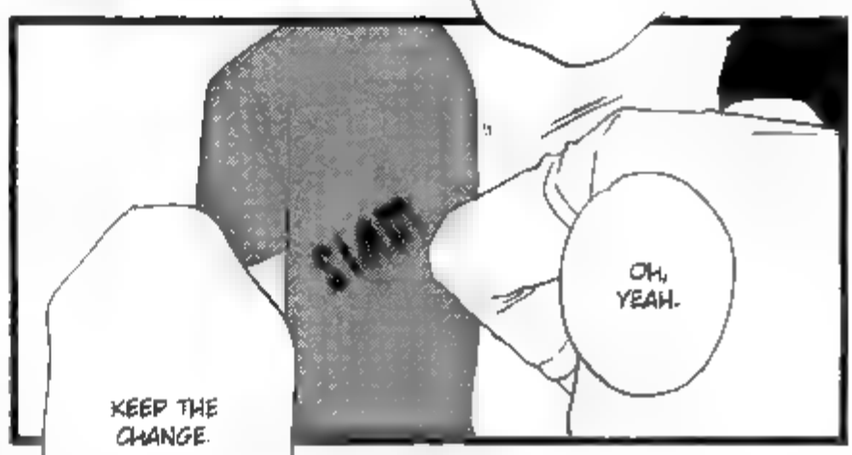
IF YOU LEAVE THINGS LIKE THE WAY THEY ARE NOW, SAYAMA-SAN WILL BECOME A DIABETIC, AND POSSIBLY BE LOCKED AWAY FOR REAL NEXT TIME! THEN THIS SHOP WILL GO UNDER AND YOU'LL BECOME HELPLESS!

EVEN AFTER HEARING PEOPLE TALK ABOUT YOU LIKE THIS, WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT THIS TOWN?

..AND UNFORTUNATELY, THIS SHOP WON'T GO UNDER.
I MEAN, THE LINE WILL END WITH ME ANYWAY
THIS LAND HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
...

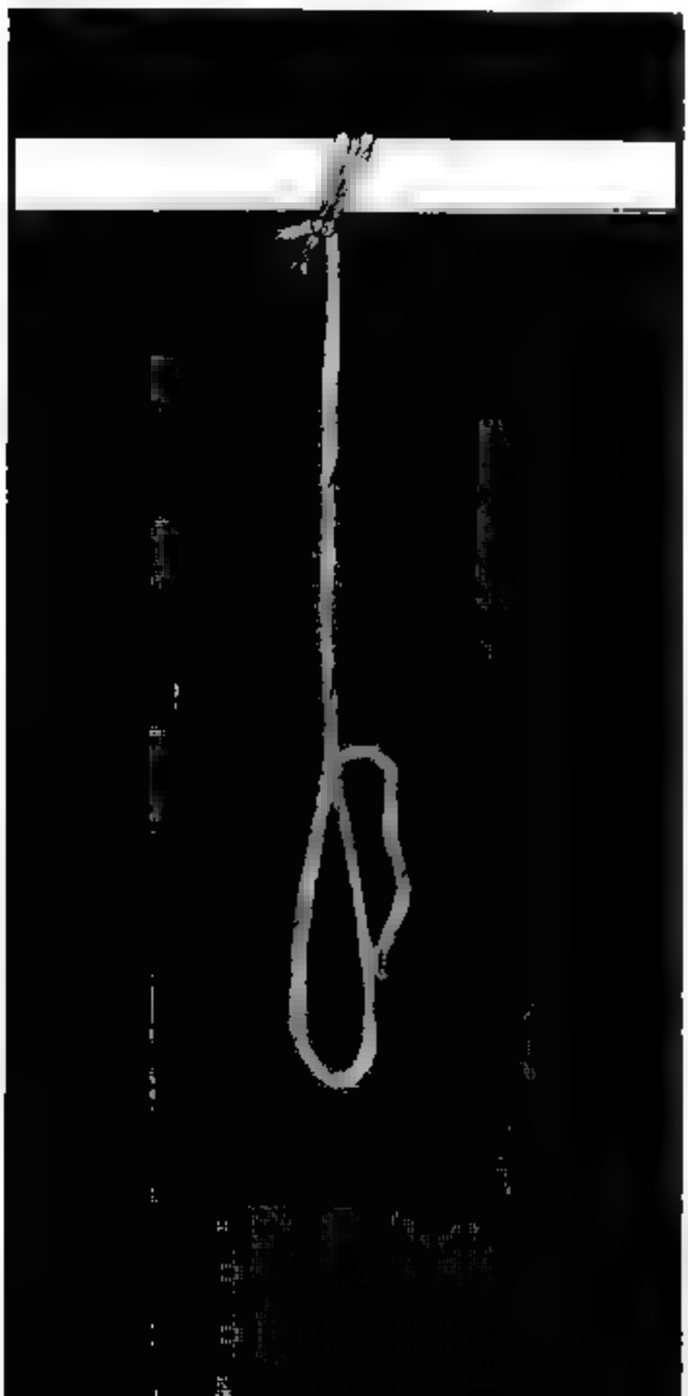

..A FAILED SUICIDE ATTEMPT?

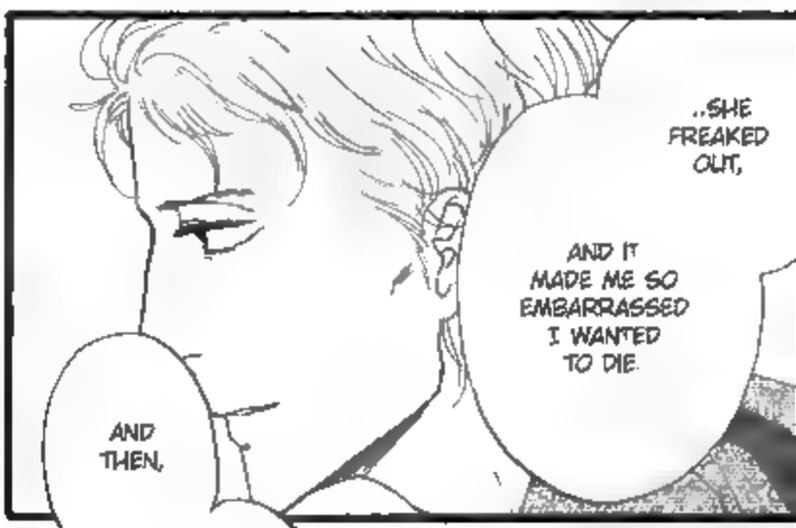
rattle
K-KAZU-CHAN, MY BAD. WE'LL LEAVE NOW.
SEE YOU LATER.


SLAM
OH, YEAH.
KEEP THE CHANGE.

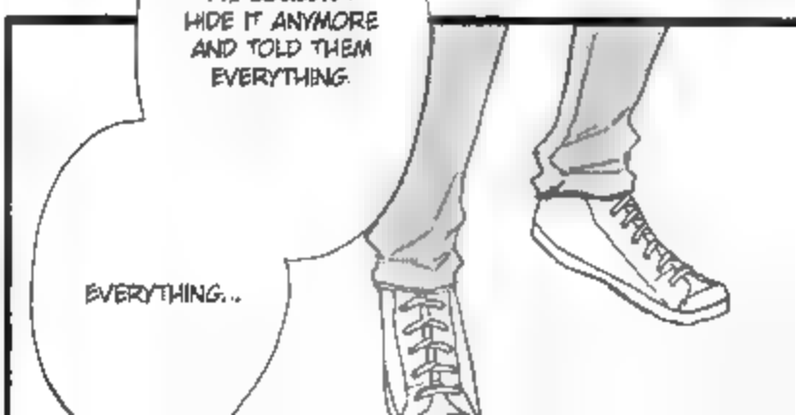
SEE YOU.
clink clank

I WENT TO GO MAKE SOME INSTANT RAMEN, AND KOU-CHAN FROM THE LIQUOR STORE CAME BY.
..AFTER I STOPPED MYSELF,
I HAD FORGOTTEN TO TAKE DOWN THE NOOSE.
...A LONG TIME AGO, I THOUGHT ABOUT DYING, SO I TIED A NOOSE AROUND A BEAM, BUT THEN I GOT SCARED AND STOPPED.
...IT'S NOT A BIG.. DEAL.




..SHE FREAKED OUT,
AND IT MADE ME SO EMBARRASSED I WANTED TO DIE.

AND THEN,
EVERYONE GOT TOGETHER AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.


..I COULDN'T HIDE IT ANYMORE AND TOLD THEM EVERYTHING.
EVERYTHING..

THAT I WAS.
A HOMO-SEXUAL.
AND A 22 YEAR OLD VIRGIN.
BUT I GOT TOO SCARED AND STOPPED.
THAT I WAS DUMPED AND WANTED TO KILL MYSELF.
THE PERSON WHO DUMPED ME WAS A FAT TRUCK DRIVER WITH A WIFE AND KIDS.
I DIDN'T EVEN LIKE HIM OR HAVE ANY DEEP EMOTIONS TOWARD HIM AT ALL, BUT EVERYONE THOUGHT I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM.
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD STINKY ARMPITS AND I DIDN'T EVEN LIKE HIM...
.. I STILL GOT FUCKED IN THE ASS BY HIM, TWICE, TO THE POINT THAT I CRIED LIKE A BABY EACH TIME.
EVERY SINGLE DETAIL,
. .AND ALL OF THAT,
WAS SPREAD THROUGH THE TOWN.
AND IT WAS SO EMBARR-ASSING... SO EMBARRASS-ING I WANTED TO DIE, BUT I LIVED.

I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE PERFECT TIME TO DIE, BUT I LIVED..
..I'M ALIVE TODAY.
THE FOLLOWING YEAR, MY FATHER DIED.
I HAD NO ONE.
WE HAD NEVER TALKED, BUT I LOST THE PERSON I FACED EVERY DAY AND ATE MY MEALS WITH
SEE, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, RIGHT..?
..IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S A BIG DEAL,
THEN IT MIGHT NOT BE ONE,
BUT YOU CAN'T GO ON LIVING LIKE THIS.
YOU..

squeak
..DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.
..WHAT'S WITH YOU?
Haha.
SAYING SOME LINES OUT OF A CHEESY POP SONG..
..YEAH
squeak
flinch
caress
..STOP IT
DON'T TOUCH ME...
..DON'T TOUCH ME.
..STAY AWAY FROM ME.
STOP IT

STOP IT...
...STOP MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME...
.. I'M NOT DOING THAT AT ALL.

lift
brush
I WAS SO HAPPY..
..WHEN I THOUGHT THAT MEANT YOU CARED FOR ME,
..YOU LOOKED AT ME WITH YEARNING EYES, DIDN'T YOU?
hit
Y-YOU,
D-DO GUYS OUT OF CHARITY OR SOMETHING?
OF COURSE I DON'T YOU KNOW THAT. I ONLY DO IT WITH PEOPLE I LOVE.
YOU'RE JUST PITYING ME, AREN'T YOU?
I BET THIS IS SO FUN FOR YOU, YOU SHIT!
HEY, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

IT'S BECAUSE,
WHEN I SEE YOU TRYING SO HARD DESPITE BEING SO CLOSED OFF AND HUDDLED INSIDE YOURSELF...
.I LOVE THAT SIDE OF YOU.. I...
..LOVE YOU. I THINK THAT.. YOU'RE REALLY ADORABLE.
I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF YOU..

I TREAT YOU THE SAME WAY AS ALL OF YOUR OTHER GIRLFRIENDS, AND TELL YOU HOW ANNOYING IT IS THAT YOU WATCH OVER ME ALL THE TIME, AND THEN YOU LEAVE? WILL YOU BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND GO WITH A SMILE?
...A-AND... SO THEN... WHAT IF...
WELL, I NEED SOMEWHERE TO LIVE. . FOR A LONG TIME.
ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET SOME MONEY FROM ME...?
...
IT'S NOT A LIE. YOU KNOW I'M NOT LYING.
Y-
YOU'RE LYING.
HAHA,
MAYBE.

...I DON'T LIKE THIS.
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS TOLD ME THAT THEY LOVE ME.

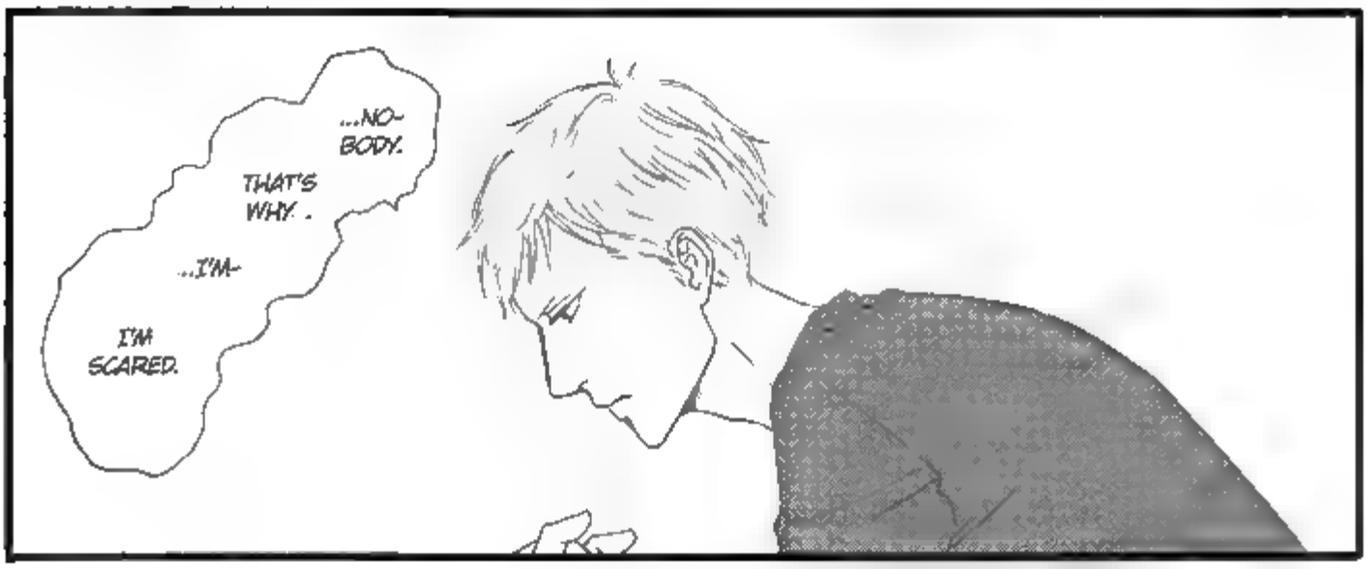
E-
EVER SINCE,
I KNEW I WAS GAY, I THOUGHT NOTHING IN MY LIFE WOULD EVER WORK OUT FOR ME AGAIN.
I KNEW,
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT
IT WILL.
IT'LL WORK OUT.
THIS ISN'T THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD, RIGHT?
YOU'RE LYING.
YOU'RE LYING...
CAN YOU EVEN HAVE SEX WITH ANOTHER MAN?
I CAN. LET'S DO IT LATER.
I-IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE DONE IT, I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE. IT WON'T FIT.
...THEN, WE'LL TAKE IT SLOW

...HOWEVER MANY DAYS IT TAKES.
...I DON'T WANNA...

...I'M SCARED.

I LOVE YOU.

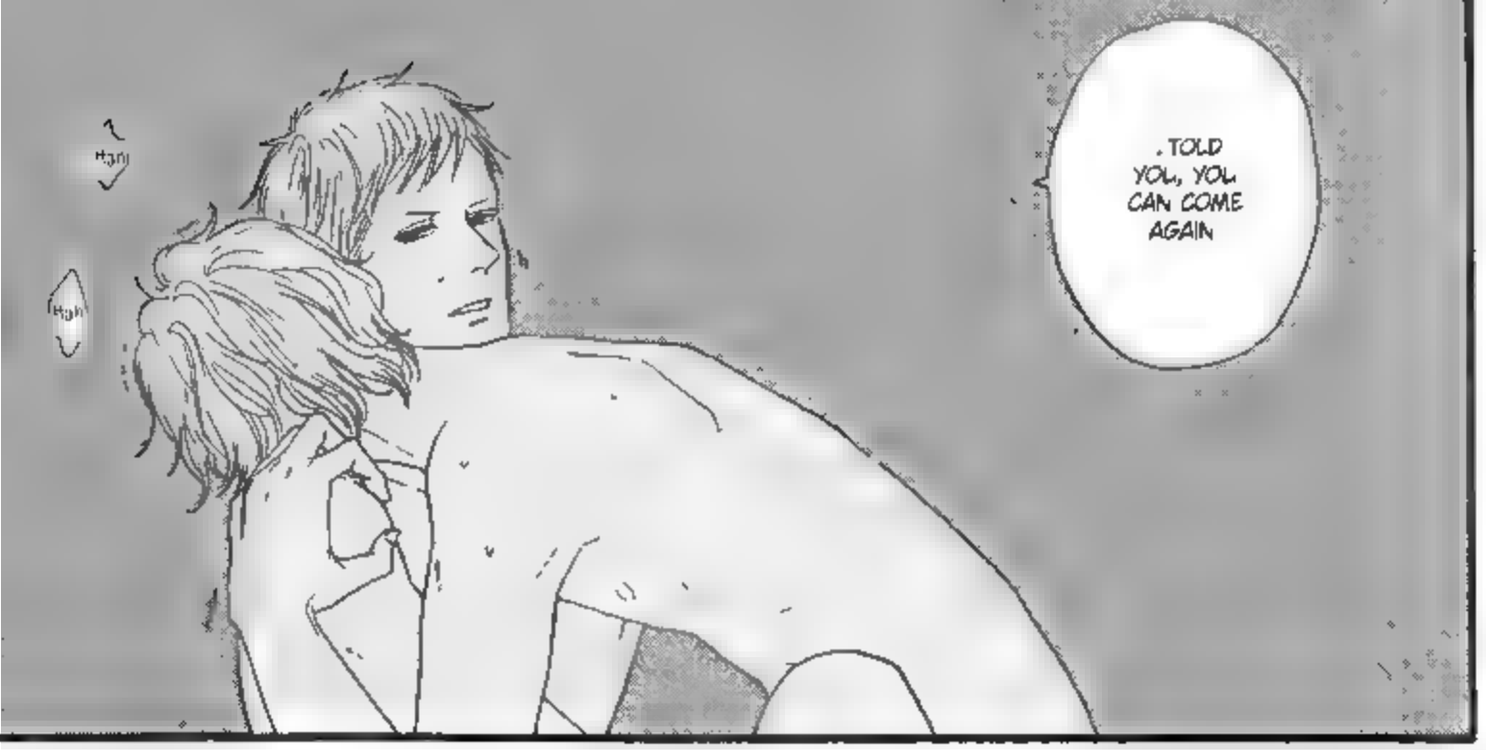
...NO ONE HAS EVER TOLD YOU THAT BEFORE?
NOBODY?


...NO-BODY.
THAT'S WHY.
...I'M-
I'M SCARED.

. I LOVE YOU.
...COME ON,
HOLD MY HAND.

HAHA.
SHIT.
I REALLY
WANT TO
KISS YOU.
NO WAY,
I'LL DIE.
HAHA.

I-I CAN'T.
I CAN'T GO ANYMORE.
I CAN'T COME ANY-MORE
clench clench
brush
YOU THINK?
N-NO, I'M..
I'M GONNA
..OKAY
HEY.
THEN, I'LL SUCK YOU OFF.
!
..GH.
..!
AH


Hah
Hah
. TOLD YOU, YOU CAN COME AGAIN

HAHA.
Hah

YOU WANNA SLEEP?

..ove and

hate and

happiness, sadness,
appetizing, unappetizing,
yearning, loneliness,
truth, gossip, lies, truth

All of the things
that weren't

supposed
to exist,

are
coming
apart

And
bursting

And
over-
flowing

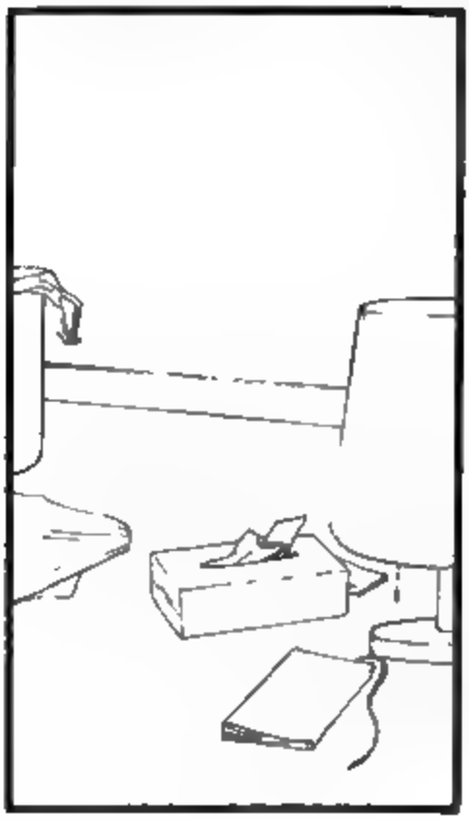
And

spilling

out

everywhere

open



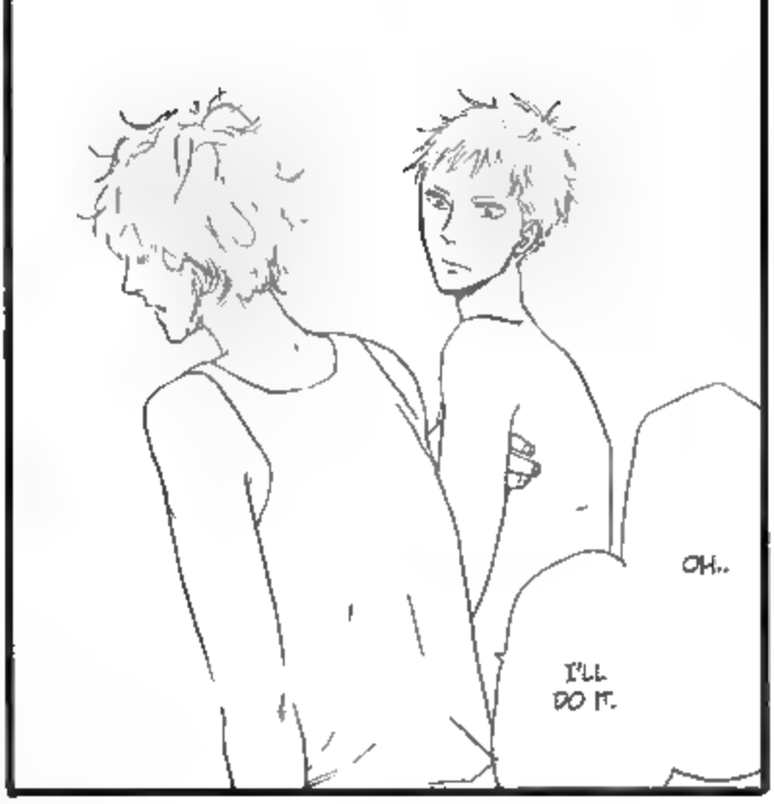
rustle

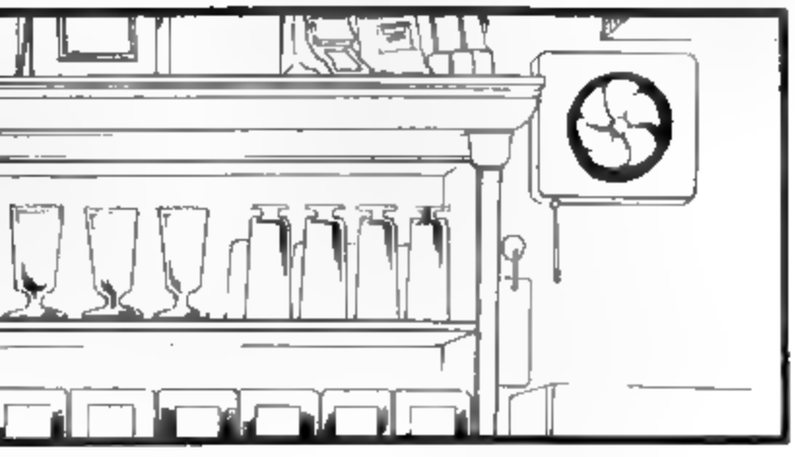
roll

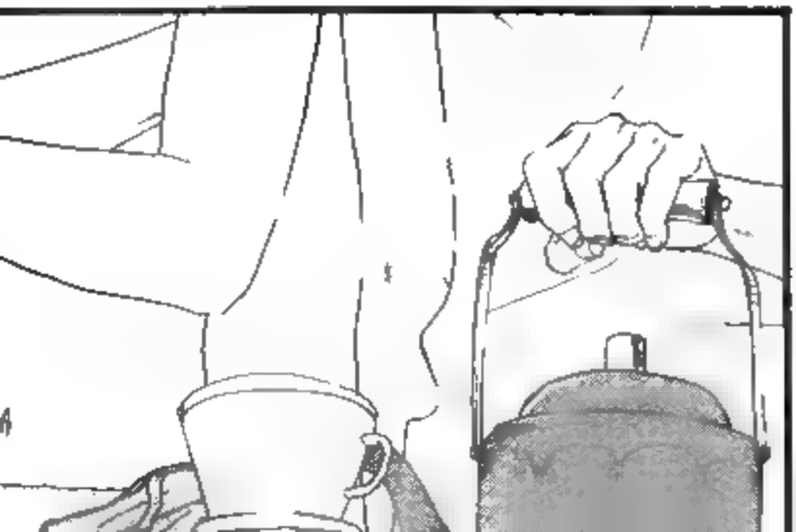
OH, MORNIN'
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE COFFEE, SO..
turn

.WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
step

rattle

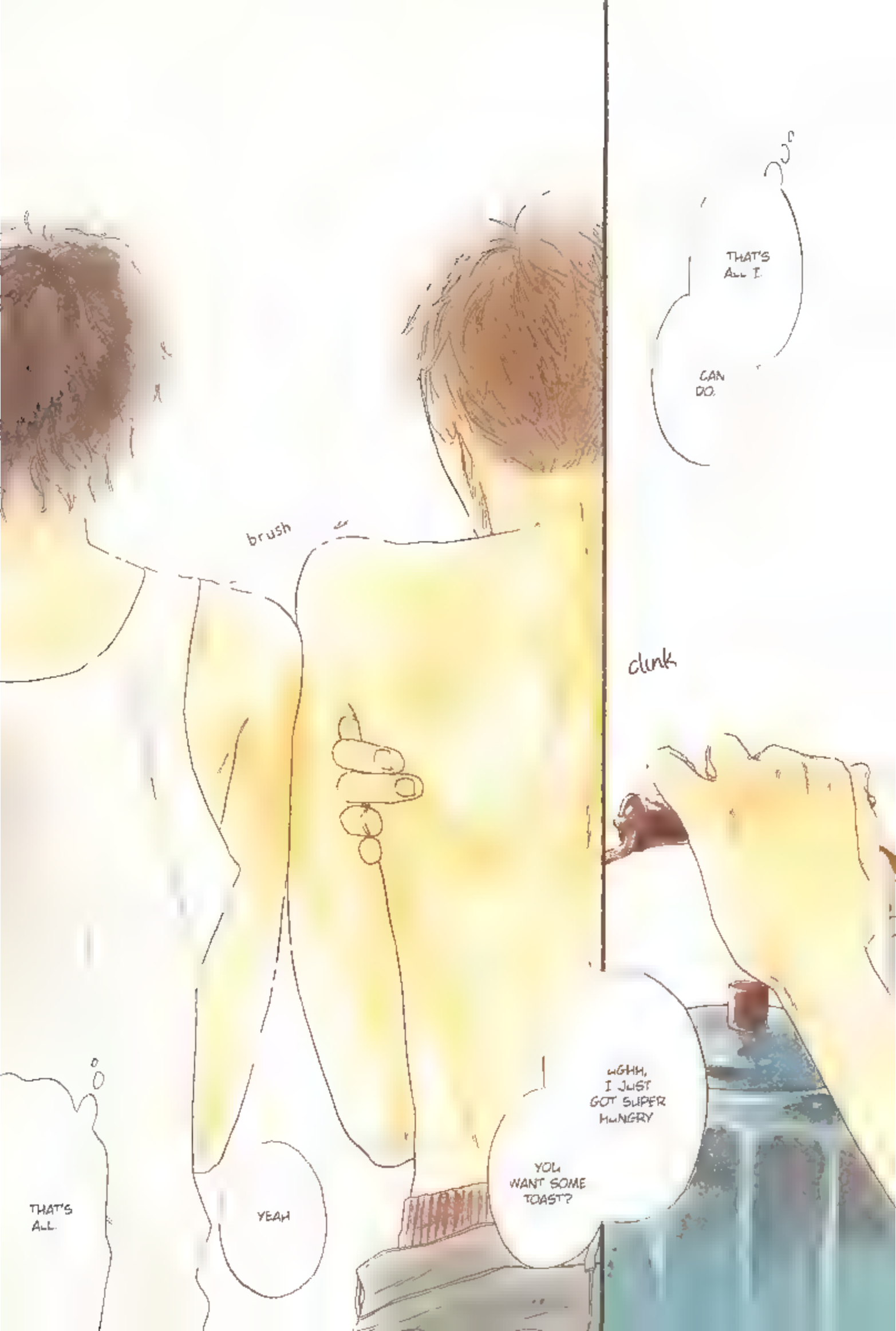

OH..
I'LL DO IT.

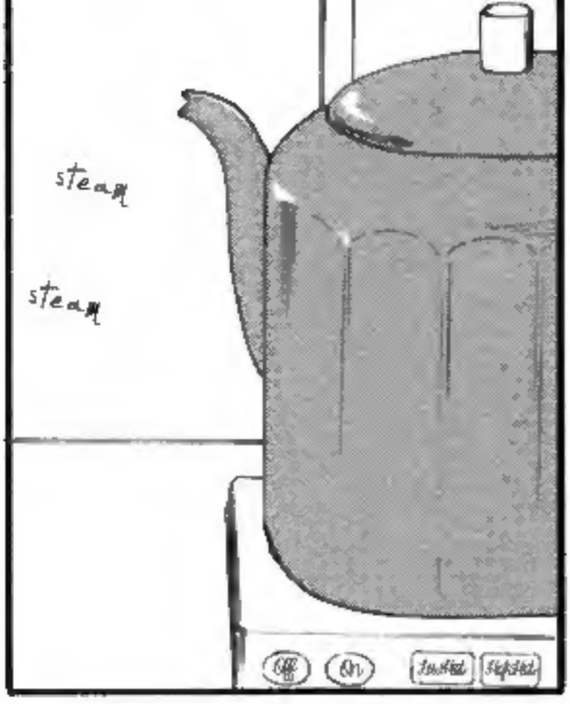


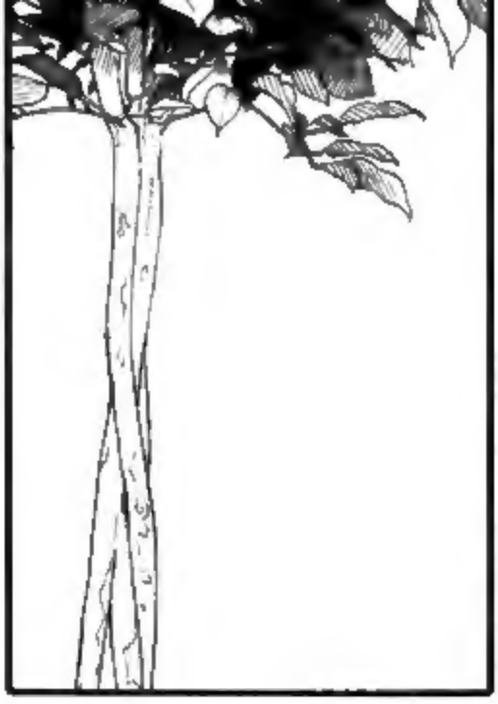


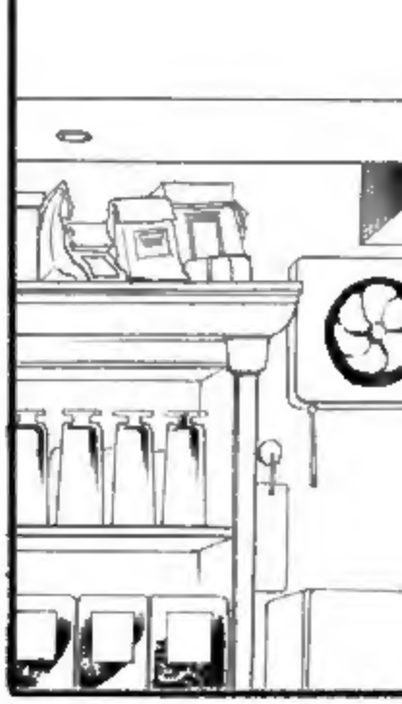
clank

EVEN IF
OUR RELATIONSHIP BECOMES FULL OF TROUBLES LATER ON,
OR IF HE DECIDES TO SUDDENLY LEAVE ME BEHIND AND GO.
DESPITE ALL THE
"WHAT IF'S"
I'LL LIVE MY LIFE TILL THAT DAY COMES.
bubble
bubble
bubble


THAT'S ALL I CAN DO.
brush
clunk
uGHH, I JUST GOT SUPER HUNGRY
YOU WANT SOME TOAST?
YEAH
THAT'S ALL.

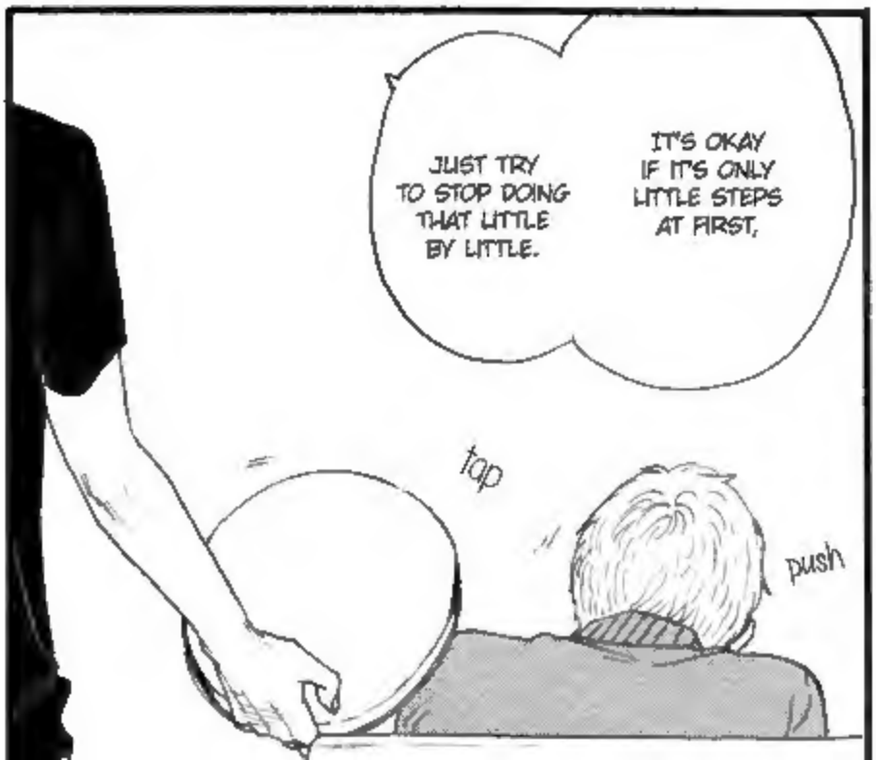

steam
steam





Then we can feel safe about ourselves now!
Brrhaha!

I knew Kazu-chan was only after appearance.
Those guys are a couple now.


JUST TRY TO STOP DOING THAT LITTLE BY LITTLE.
IT'S OKAY IF IT'S ONLY LITTLE STEPS AT FIRST.
tap
push

appear
SAYAMA-SAN.
flinch

Shake

...
HOW'D YOU KNOW?

clank
...YOU WERE THINKING SOMETHING PERVERTED, WEREN'T YOU?

Hmph.

touch
pinch
LOVE AND HATE, HAPPINESS AND SADNESS, YEARNING AND LONELINESS.
THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO EMBRACE ALL OF THEM,
AND JUST LIKE THIS...
LIVE QUIETLY TILL I DIE.
HEYYY, WHAT'S THIS?
HOW MUCH IS THIS CURRY? I WANNA EAT SOME CURRY.
Don't just open it!
IT ISN'T FOR SALE, IT'S OUR LUNCH!
COME ON, IT'S FINE. RIGHT, KAZU-CHAN?
YEAHHH.
It's not all right!
END

...I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT YOU.
I'D PREFER IT IF...
I... I'M NOT...
ON THE COVER... OF THIS BOOK...?